

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A zoom lens includes a first lens unit having a positive optical power, a second lens unit having a negative optical power, a third lens unit having a positive optical power, and a fourth lens unit having a negative optical power in sequence from an object side. The zoom lens executes zooming by moving all the four lens units on an optical axis. At least one of the four lens units has at least one diffractive optical surface. By this arrangement, the size of the zoom lens can be easily reduced while securing a desired variable power ratio and correcting lateral chromatic aberration that is varied by zooming.